

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

May 5, 2009 – 6:00 PM
Conference Room B
Rockford City Hall

Present Sally Faber, David Hagney, Maureen Flanagan, Tom Graceffa

Absent Doug Mark, Laura Bachelder, Mark McInnis

Staff Ginny Gregory, Reid Montgomery

Others David Anderson; Fred Sabet

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Sally Faber made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded by David Hagney and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 602 Oak Street

Fred Sabet submitted an application to install a fence at 602 Oak Street, a corner lot.

Sally Faber made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness with a diagonal cut of the fence at the corner. The motion was seconded by David Hagney and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness – 225 South Third Street

David Anderson returned with a modified application for a shed at this location as requested by the Commission at the April meeting. He indicated the makers of the shed he had requested to use at last month's meeting have sold their shed operations to a company in Indiana. The new owners have discontinued that particular shed size. David considered applying wood paneling to a vinyl shed but the screw holes in the vinyl would ruin it. The shed he was requesting was the only shed sized 8'x6' in the Rockford market.

Tom Graceffa made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by Sally Faber and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

Update on Violations-400 block of Kishwaukee Street

Ginny Gregory showed the photographs she took the previous day and indicated the only difference she noticed on the properties was trimmed trees. She indicated the owner had Sara

Bell look at the properties for color matching and was told by the owner primer was purchased. Ginny believed painting in the current weather conditions was not a good idea. The next code hearing will be on May 27th. Ginny stated she was satisfied he was doing something and reminded the Commission their deadline for the owner to complete repairs on the properties was September 1, 2009.

Staff report

Ginny indicated because IHPA is moving, they asked if anyone wanted copies of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, so Ginny accepted several copies which she distributed to all Commission members.

Sally took a stack of Economic Impact of Designation booklets to the Rockford Area Association of Realtors Board. They will place the booklet on their website with a link to the City's website as well as reference it in their newsletter. Sally stated the Board has a whole set of information for realtors on historic preservation but the fairly new information is poorly organized. Sally wanted to go through it and include just Rockford information and guidelines. Sally spoke with Karl Gasbarra, who revises the property contracts, about getting something on the disclosure agreement in regards to whether the property for sale is in a historic district.

Ginny asked if realtors are the only ones allowed on RAAR's website. Sally thought that might be the case but believed there was no reason their website couldn't be public.

Ginny stated she has address ranges for local districts and has exact addresses for all the nationally registered historic properties. Sally wondered if a long term project could be getting all the addresses mapped online.

Ginny stated she had had another call from a new owner who had no idea the property was historic.

Tom asked if the Building Division was somehow notified of the historic status of a property when a permit application for an address was submitted. Ginny stated they were and Building was very good at catching building permit applications for historic properties.

With no further business, David made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sally and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.